

Are you interested in participating on a panel at the conference honoring Andrew Taslitz?

You do not have to write for this conference in order to participate.

Please submit an abstract regarding the subject matter of your talk.

DATES

- Abstracts Due: **May 30, 2014.**
(Abstracts are short – 250 to 300 words)
- We will get back to you by mid-June, 2014
- Conference at Howard Law –Friday September 19, 2014

Send abstract to co-chairs:

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Background

Howard University School of Law is hosting a conference in honor of Andrew Taslitz, who died on February 9, 2014. It is not a traditional symposium, for we expect concurrent sessions on many subjects. It is open to people who knew Taz and to those who were inspired by his writing or teaching.

To date, there are already some terrific speakers, including Susan Bandes, David Harris, Cynthia Jones, Wayne Logan, Aviva Orenstein, Eric Miller, Bob Mosteller, Michael Risinger & Chris Slobogan.

If you would like to take part in the live event, please submit an abstract by **May 30, 2014** to the co-chairs named below. The conference is free but speakers must pay their own way.

GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING

We are dividing the proposals into two tracks. The first track involves speaking &/or writing on substantive issues. The second track we are calling “The Tao of Taz,” a more personal approach. Both options are explained below.

You may suggest a panel for the gathering.

I. Substantive Topics

Note that your talk may be based on something Taslitz wrote or you may simply incorporate one of his ideas into a new area.

- 1) Criminal Procedure/Criminal Law
- 2) Race, Gender, and/or Inequality
- 3) Animal Rights
- 4) Teaching Ideas
- 5) Law & ___ (aka Social Science in Law)
- 6) Evidence
- 7) Originalism Reinterpreted (Through the Civil Rights Amendments)
- 8) Teaching (aka Pedagogy)

II. "The Tao of Taz"

Every language, culture, and religion has words that convey more than one simple idea. Even though such words often have several layers of meaning, there seems to never be confusion as to what is being said. However, if you were to ask a dozen people to explain, e.g., "love," "happiness," or "success," you'll likely hear a dozen different definitions or descriptions. The same is true of the Chinese word "Tao," which is often translated as "way" or "path." Although there are many definitions of Tao, there is also an overarching understanding that it communicates an entire philosophy, i.e., an outlook on the fundamental nature of life and The Universe. For example, early Taoist philosophers were heavily influenced by nature and determined that everything has a complementary opposite and can only be understood by comparing it to its opposite. Day is only day in relation to night; cold is so only in relation to heat; soft is only soft in relation to hard. By observing nature's processes, The Taoist can come to some understanding about the meaning of our lives and about our place in the world, as all things are interdependent. This panel will endeavor to explain "The Tao of Taz."